

A Review Of Climate Basics

Skepticism is the first step to Truth – D. Diderot

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As Carbon Dioxide Levels Have Risen Evidence-Based Science Confirms...

- Global temperatures in 2012 are at the satellite era mean, with 12 plus years of no increase, and with several recent years of decrease
- Sea ice area is at the satellite era mean
- Satellite data show that sea level has not risen for several years, and is presently lower than the historical average rate of rise
- Seven years since a major hurricane strike on the US – the longest period on record

Evidence-Based Science Continued...

- Seven years since a hurricane strike on Florida
– the longest period on record
- No long-term trend in severe tornadoes
- US drought area below the long-term mean
- Polar bear populations flourishing

Your Life Depends On Plant Life; Plant Life Depends On Carbon Dioxide

The Basic Equation of Plant Life



chlorophyll + light + nutrients

Plants Convert Atmospheric Carbon
Dioxide Plus Water In The Presence
of Plant Chlorophyll Into
Carbohydrates And Oxygen

Carbon Dioxide Is Not A Pollutant

Benefits From Increased CO₂

55 Benefits of Atmospheric CO₂ Enrichment

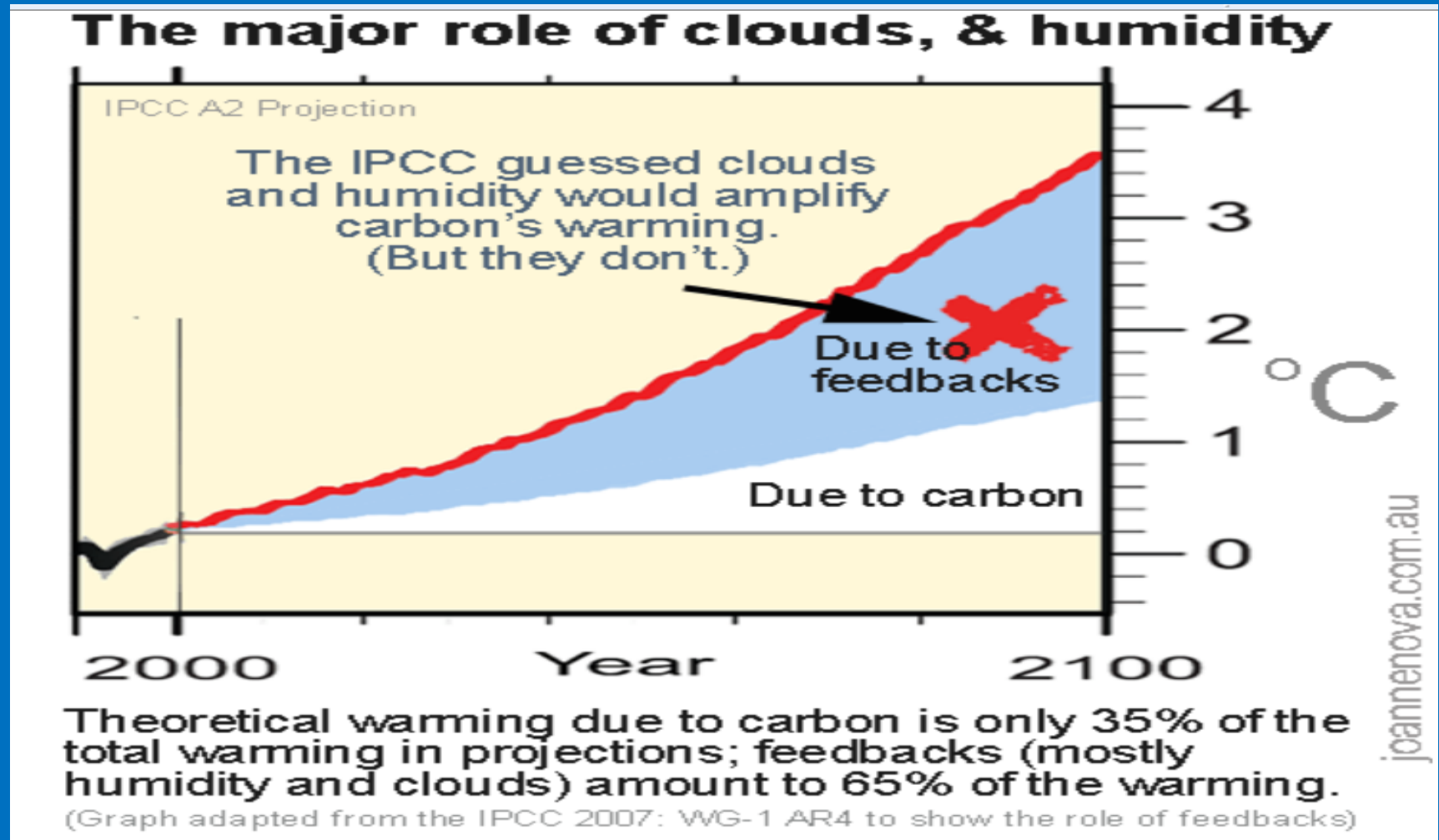
Air Pollution Stress (Non-Ozone)	Lipids
Air Pollution Stress (Ozone)	Medicinal Plants
Avoiding Human Starvation and Plant and Animal Extinctions	Monoterpenes
Bacteria	Nectar
Biodiversity	Net Primary Productivity
Biogenic Volatile Organic Compounds	Nitrogen Fixation
Biomass	Nutrient Acquisition
C ₄ Plants	Phosphorus Acquisition
CAM Plants	Photosynthesis
Carbon Sequestration	Progressive Nitrogen Limitation
Diseases of Plants	Reactive Oxygen Species
Early Growth	Root Exudation
Earthworms	Root Production
Evolution	Salinity Stress
Flowers	Seeds
Fluctuating Asymmetry	Soil Erosion
Glomalin	Soil Toxicity
Health-Promoting Substances	Starch
Herbivory	Tannins
Hormones	Temperature Stress
Human Longevity	Thylakoid Membranes
Human Mortality (All Causes)	Transpiration
Human Mortality (Cardiovascular)	UV-B Radiation Stress
Human Mortality (Respiratory)	Vegetative Storage Proteins
Iodocompounds	Water Stress
Isoprene	Water-Use Efficiency
Light Stress	Weeds
	Wood Density

The Question: "to what extent the temperature rise in the past 100 years was a trend or a natural fluctuation."

The Answer: "*only a marginal anthropogenic contribution cannot be excluded,*"

Ludecke, H.-J., Link, R. and Ewert, F.-K. 2011. How natural is the recent centennial warming? An analysis of 2249 surface temperature records. *International Journal of Modern Physics C* 22: 10.1142/S0129183111016798.

IPCC Computer Models vs. Fact

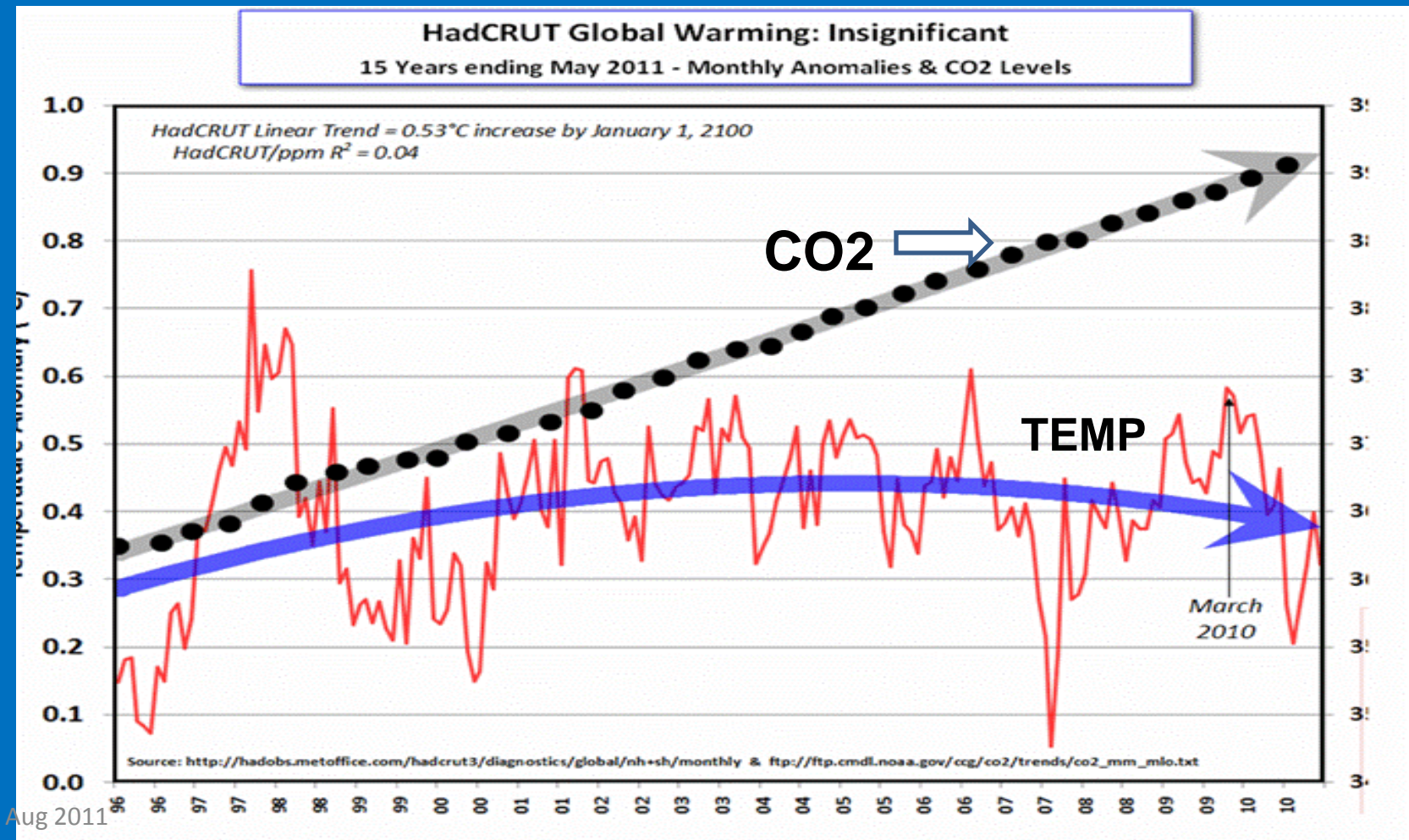


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Past 15 Years: CO2 Up; Global Temperatures Down

Why The Panic Over Emissions?

Does Increased CO2 “Cause” Global Cooling?



Albemarle County Comprehensive Plan

The county adopted a comprehensive plan in 1980 that designated 5 percent of its land to be used for dense residential and commercial use. Development is discouraged in the rest of the county in order to preserve environmental resources.

At what cost? Was cost even considered?

The Tree Environment Is Flourishing

- Forests in the eastern United States appear to be growing faster than they have in 225 years in response to rising levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere...
- On average, the stands were expanding at a rate of two extra tons of mass per acre per year, by the end of the study — the equivalent of a single two-foot-diameter tree...”

Sean M. McMahon, Geoffrey G. Parker, Dawn R. Miller Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, Forest Ecology Group, Edgewater, MD 21307-0028; Center for Tropical Forest Science, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Feb. 2010

“Planet Under Pressure”

International Conference, April 2012, London

Yale University professor Karen Seto told MSNBC:
*“We certainly don’t want them (humans) strolling
about the entire countryside. We want them to
save land for nature by living closely [together]”*

...Sounds in keeping with the Albemarle County
comprehensive plan and the TJPDC sustainability
accords

The Real Costs Of Sustainability Dogma...A Lesson From California

“California's housing had been nearly as affordable as the rest of the nation until the more *restrictive regulations, such as development moratoria, urban growth boundaries, and overly expensive impact fees came into effect starting in the 1970s*. Other economic studies, such as by Stephen Malpezzi at the University of Wisconsin, also have documented the *strong relationship between more intense land-use regulations and exorbitant house prices*” *

...And you wonder why many workers cannot afford to live in Albemarle County?

* WSJ, April 6, 2012: “California Declares War on Suburbia” by W. Cox